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--1. (Amended) A multipurpose fishing net, comprising:

a rigid frame, wherein said frame is rectangular with a first pair of sides comprising opposed first and second sides and a second pair of sides comprising opposed third and fourth sides;

a flotation device affixed to said frame, wherein said flotation device having first through fourth sections of cylindrical closed cell foam material respectively secured over said first through fourth sides of said frame; and

a single ply of flexible net material extending loosely across said frame and defining a shallow net pocket, such that said net material is in substantially the same plane as said frame.

3. (Amended) The multipurpose fishing net according to claim 1, wherein: said frame is formed of first through fourth lengths of hollow tubular material; and

said lengths are joined to one another by four ninety degree elbows.

5. (Amended) The multipurpose fishing net according to claim 1, wherein said net material is secured to each of said first through fourth sides of said frame.

6. (Amended) The multipurpose fishing net according to claim 1, wherein said net material is secured to only one said pair of sides of said frame.

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8. (Amended) A multipurpose fishing net, comprising:

a rigid frame, wherein said frame is rectangular with a first pair of sections comprising opposed first and second sides and a second pair of sections comprising opposed third and fourth sides;

a flotation device affixed to said frame, wherein said flotation device including first through fourth sections of cylindrical closed cell foam material respectively secured over said first through fourth sides of said frame;

a single ply of flexible net material extending loosely across said frame and defining a shallow net pocket; and

a flexible tether having one end secured to and extending from said frame for tethering the multipurpose fishing net and an opposite end for attachment to a user.

10. (Amended) The multipurpose fishing net according to claim 8, wherein: said frame is formed of first through fourth lengths of hollow tubular material; and

said lengths are joined to one another by four ninety degree elbows.

12. (Amended) The multipurpose fishing net according to claim 8, wherein said net material is secured to each of said first through fourth sides of said frame.

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13. (Amended) The multipurpose fishing net according to claim 8,  
wherein said net material is secured to only one said pair of sides  
of said frame.

14. (Amended) A multipurpose fishing net, comprising:

a rigid rectangular frame, having a first pair of sides  
comprising opposed first and second sides and a second pair of  
sides comprising opposed third and fourth sides;

a flotation device affixed to said frame, wherein said  
flotation device includes first through fourth sections of  
cylindrical closed cell foam material respectively secured over  
said first through fourth sides of said frame; and

a single ply of flexible net material extending loosely across  
said frame and defining a shallow net pocket, wherein said net  
material is wrapped around two or more sides of said frame.--